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Shurtleff College Upper Alton Ill
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Charles Howard Malcom
Cor. Sec. of the Soc. of Inquiry, Princeton N.J.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of Feb 2d was duly received, and it is with pleasure that we answer your inquiries.

1st No. of Students about 100
2d " No. who are pious — — 46
3d " No who contemplate entering the ministry 15,
4th " "The general religious state of the institution." We should be ashamed to say we live far away from God — yet such is the fact. Many who are professedly pious take very little interest in sustaining any religious exercises in College. We have two weekly prayer meetings in the College building — on Sabbath morning & on Thursday evening. The No. in attendance varies from 10 to 20 & sometimes we have a larger no. still.

Having thus answered your inquiries, permit us to hope for a similar statement in regard to your institution. Our location may be far separate — yet we hope our object is the same in life — the glory of God & the benefit of Man. Yours truly J. C. Maple.

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